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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 7-10, 12, 13, and 15-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Arai, U.S. Patent No. 5,623,514. Claims 5, 11, 14, and 20 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise contain allowable subject matter.

By the foregoing amendments, Applicants have rewritten claim 5 in independent form by incorporating the subject matter of claim 5 into claim 1 and canceling claims 4 and 5. Similarly, the allowable subject matter of claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form by modifying claim 7 and canceling claims 8, 9, and 11. Claim 14 has also been rewritten in independent form. The allowable subject matter of claim 20 has also been incorporated into independent claim 15 and thus, claim 15 is allowable. Claim 20 has been cancelled. Claims 10 and 12 have been amended to correct their dependency. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10, 12, and 14-19 are in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance indicating the same is therefore earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any unresolved matters remain.

Respectfully Submitted,

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